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Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated October 5, 2004 for *two* months from *January 5*, 2005 to *March 5*, 2005.

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